

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force not yet approved

Minutes for May 12, 2014 Meeting

Present: Richard LoPresti, Caroline Dumont, Kenny Foscue, Sarah Baird, Hugh Davis, Letty McPhedran, David Cooper and Will Fogel of Next Step Living (NSL)

Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS): The Smart Living Store is coming to North Haven, to a vacant spot near Panera. Richard felt near Smart Living would be a good location for the EVCS because of the educational value of that location. Sarah joined the EVCS webinar and suggested a commuter parking lot location which was successful elsewhere. Our commuter lots are owned by the state. Mr. Freda had stated he wants it on town land. The TF decided on the Devine St. Yale Medical/ Healthtrax complex as first choice and then Quinnipiac University as second choice. Richard will ask the property owners to pay for the installation costs. He felt strongly the people using the EVCS should be folks that go to the facility and we should not advertise it for commuters. Richard will be following up with the landowners, how many outlets each station provides, and other questions that arose. The Task Force learned that some of the grant was returned because North Haven could not meet a required deadline. We still have equipment.

Energize CT HES campaign: Will Fogel reported that from Jan.1-May 1 NSL and Lantern Energy have signed up 60 home audits, 9 insulation jobs and 3 ductless mini systems. One third of the homes cannot be given an audit because gas leaks or asbestos is present.

First letter went out last week to the 500 homes that have solar possibilities.

Second letter goes out May 13 before NHHS students join canvas May 17.

The third letter, including HES and ductless mini-splits goes out after Memorial Day.

NSL has made a flyer to go home from the schools. Caroline will contact the school superintendent to get permission and the notify Will, or his substitute, Cara Donovan, cara.donovan@nextstepliving.com David made the point that if renovation at condos removes the siding, insulation should be added.

Putting HES signs on town property would help the campaign and Will will run this by Valerie in the First Selectman's office. Will had the idea to put the post audit savings on each household sign. For NoHTV Sarah thought a video of each of us with our dollar savings with the HES sign at the end would be good, but no one volunteered to do this. Will will call the citizens that had audits, to put up signs.

Solar programs: One in eight homes in North Haven is good for solar. Both programs need the town to sign on. The town will not endorse another vendor during the contract time. These programs depend on the Task Force being a marketing agent.

Solarize CT is a 20 week state program. This is organized by Smart Power who won the CEFIA contract. Someone participating would choose a company with help from Smart Power . Erin O'Sullivan (410-980-2242) is the contact person.

CT Solar Challenge is a 6 month program. The Task Force gets points for each solar installation and they will cost less if you get more sign-ups.

Community Solar was defeated this year in the legislature. Sarah offered that most incentives are not guaranteed past 2016. David felt the price of a watt is going down.

Benchmarking: Caroline reported that the new intern with Amy Thompson, Kasuni Padmatilaka is ready to set a date for training Task Force, UI and Town personnel in the EPA Portfolio Manager. She found out when interested Task Force members had free time. Where this will take place is unknown. Sheri is evidently still working with Sue Iverson to have Linda Darveau train NHHS students.

Meeting with Selectman Freda: There were no questions for Letty, who had summarized the meeting. Please record the future meeting dates with him at 8:30 am: Fri. July 18 and Fri. Oct. 17

Money due Task Force for sign-ups: Patrice Gillespie of 3 degrees says \$480 is due the Task Force. Mike Delahany of Community Energy says they owe nearly \$250 to the Task Force. These numbers agreed with the amounts Hugh had calculated.

Report to CEFIA: Hugh has again written the semi annual report for CEFIA; July- Dec. 2013. His contact at CEFIA is Robert Schmitt. He will contact Robert to send someone from CEFIA to our next meeting with clear statistics on North Haven. Sarah knew that CEFIA is changing its focus to include financing with a decreased focus on the clean energy sign-ups. Points are now also being earned through energy efficiency financing and solar projects.

The next meeting is June 9, 2014 at 7pm at the Rec Center.

Respectfully submitted

Letty McPhedran